

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the deterioration of the line between public trust and partisan agendas in our media.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This latest action is an example of abuse of that public trust. Paid advertising in our system has already cheapened and distorted our election process. Now Sinclair simply declares that it will offer \$100s of millions of free advertising to the candidate of its choice. this not only demonstrates an abuse of the public trust but it undermines the election finance lawas (is it not a clear violation?)

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules. They show why the license renewal process may needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please step in and prevent this blatant abuse. Thank you.